

REMARKS

Claims 1-17 are pending in the present application.

Restriction Requirement:

The Examiner has required restriction between groups I – II as set forth on page 2 of the Office Action.

For the purpose of examination of the present application, Applicants elect with traverse, **Group I, Claims 1-10.** The requirement is traversed because (1) there are common technical features between the two groups of claims and (2) there would be no undue burden on the Examiner to examine both groups of claims. Also, once the claims of Group I are allowed, the claims of Group II should be considered for rejoinder.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Toyohiko Konno, Registration No. L0053, at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

- ☐ Attached is a Petition for Extension of Time.
- ☐ Attached hereto is the fee transmittal listing the required fees.

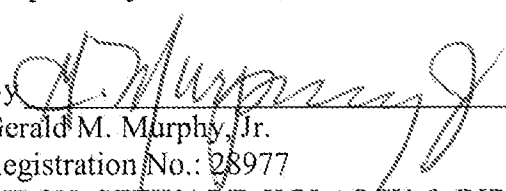
If necessary, the Director is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge any fees required during the pendency of the above-identified application or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448.

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Respectfully submitted,

By

  
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